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Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care to Release Final Recommendations

Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno to Present Findings At August 15 Judicial Council Meeting

The California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care is presenting its final recommendations to the Judicial Council at its August 15 public business meeting in San Francisco. Commission Chair and Supreme Court Associate Justice Carlos R. Moreno will submit the recommendations and ask the Judicial Council to take action on what are expected to be sweeping reforms of the state's juvenile dependency court system.

Appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George, the commission is concluding its two-year review of the courts' role in foster care. The commission has identified a court and child welfare system that is plagued by staggering caseloads, insufficient and rushed hearings, lack of adequate information for judges to make informed decisions, and other barriers that prevent foster youth and their families from having an opportunity to participate meaningfully in proceedings that affect their lives, including where and with whom children will live.

**WHAT: Presentation of Commission Final Recommendations
Press Conference following presentation**

WHO:

- Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno
- Former Foster Youth
- Judge Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Los Angeles County Superior Court
- William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts

**WHERE: Judicial Council / Administrative Office of the Courts
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Francisco**

**WHEN: Friday, August 15
11:30 Presentation by Justice Moreno
12:15 Press Conference**